

From Us to Them: Cosmic Powers



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¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,

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against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

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¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

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¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Christians are given the armor of God
to stand against the devil

Ephesians 6:11-13

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God gives us strength

Ephesians 6:10

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

God's armor thoroughly completes our
spiritual armory

Ephesians 6:13-18

¹³ Therefore take up **the whole armor of God**...

¹⁴ ...having fastened on **the belt of truth**, and having put on **the breastplate of righteousness**,

¹⁵ **as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.**

¹⁶ ...take up **the shield of faith**,

¹⁷ **take the helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

God's armory should be used boldly
for the sake of others

Ephesians 6:18-20

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.